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Addendum

Proposed strategic framework for the period 2010-2011
(Item 3(b))

Programme 5
Peaceful uses of outer space

1. At its 9th meeting, on 17 June 2008, the Committee for Programme and Coordination considered programme 5, Peaceful uses of outer space, of the proposed biennial programme plan (A/63/6 (Prog.5)).

2. The representative of the Secretary-General introduced the programme and responded to queries raised during the Committee's consideration of the programme.

Discussion

3. Support was expressed for the programme. The work of the Office for Outer Space Affairs and its benefits, particularly to developing countries, were recognized and commended. The importance of strengthening the capacity of developing countries, in particular in the development of national space law and the use of space science and technology and their applications in areas related to sustainable development, was recognized.

4. Clarification was sought regarding activities planned by the Secretariat related to the submission of information on space objects in a timely and more harmonized manner, as reflected in indicator of achievement (a) (iii).

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5. The view was expressed that the use of outer space should be in the interest of all Member States and, in particular, of those with economies in transition. The view was also expressed that it was necessary to enhance the level of transparency as regards activities in outer space, and that furthermore, it was necessary to improve the monitoring of debris in space.

6. Clarification was sought on whether climate change was part of the work of the Office. More information was sought regarding the activities conducted with respect to space law education.

7. Clarification was also sought on the work of the Office relating to food security, climate change and disaster management, and how the information was being shared with developing countries, particularly in Africa.

Conclusions and recommendations

8. **The Committee recommended that the issue of climate change, including the application of space-based technology in this area, continue to be on the agenda of the Office for Outer Space Affairs for the biennium 2010-2011 given the impact of climate change on different activities of the United Nations system and the need for a more systematic strategy to focus on it.**

9. **The Committee also recommended that the General Assembly approve the programme narrative of programme 5, Peaceful uses of outer space, of the proposed biennial programme plan, subject to the following modifications:**

Indicators of achievement

In indicator of achievement (d) (i), replace the words "the definition of disaster management planning" with the words "defining disaster management plans".

Strategy

Paragraph 5.5 (a)

Delete the words "the capacity to implement", and after the words "space activities", insert the words "and its implementation".